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1. SUMMARY. PARLIAMENT HAS APPROVED TIME EXTENSION FOR INVESTIGATION AGAINST ALLEGED "JUNTIKI" PROFESSORS. THIS IS EXPEDIENT CONCESSION TO STUDENT DEMANDS FOR MORE THROUGH PURGING OF UNIVERSITIES, AND ALSO GAINS TIME FOR GOG IN MAKING FINAL DECISION, MORE POLITICAL THAN JUDICIAL, ON DEGREE OF RETRIBUTION TO EXACT FROM GUILTY PROFESSORS. END SUMMARY.

2. PARLIAMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY JANUARY 23 AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY MINED ZEPPUS TO THE CONSITITUENT ACT OF DEJUNTIZING HIGHER EDUCATION WHICH THE NATIONAL UNITY GOVERNMENT HAD PROMULGATED SEPTEMBER 3, 1974. MAJOR AMENDMENTS EXTEND BY 15 DAYS TIME LIMIT FOR BRINGING "JUNTIKI" CHARGES AGAINST PROVESSORS, WHICH EXPIRED FEW DAYS EARLIER, AND GIVE THE SPECIAL DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL ESTABLISHED BY THIS CONSTITUENT ACT ANOTHER TWO MONTHS, UNTIL JULY 3, 1975, FOR CONCLUDING INVESTIGATIONS OF CHARGES AGAINST PROFESSORS.

3. IN REQUESTING PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL, WHICH WAS FOREGONE CONCLUSION BECAUSE OF EARLIER SOUNDINGS BY ZEPPUS OF ALL PARITIES, MINED PRESENTED SOUNDINGS BY ZEPPUS OF ALL PARTIES, MINED PRESENTED PROGRESS REPORT ON ACHEIVEMENTS OF
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HIS OFFICE REGARDING DEJUNTIZATION AND REFORM. HE

ANNOUNCED THAT OF 685 PROFESSORS OF ALL RANKS IN UNIVERSITIES AND OTHER SCHOOLS OF HIGHER EDUCATION: 30 HAVE BEEN IRREVOCABLY DISMISSED FOR COLLABORATION WITH JUNTA; 68 HAVE BEEN SUSPENDED UNTIL SPECIAL DISCIPLINARY COUNCIL EXAMINES CHARGES AGAINST THEM; THE LEGALITY OF ANOTHER 30 TEACHERS IS BEING EXAMINED; AND 30, WHO HAD BEEN DISMISSED BY JUNTAN HAVE BEEN REAPPOINTED. HE SAID COUNCIL REQUIRED ADDITIONAL TIME IN ORDER TO COMPLETE REVIEW OF LOYALTY OF LOWER GRADE LECTURERS AND ASSISTANTS.

4. ZEPPOS ALSO STATED: A PLAN FOR REORGANIZATION OF HIGHER EDUCATION CURICULA IS ALMOST COMPLETED AND WILL BE DISCUSSED BY STUDENTS AND TEACHING STAFFS BEFORE BEING SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT; THE ATTITUDE BOTH OF SECONDARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND SUPRVISORS DURING JUNTA IS UNDER SCRUTINY; AND A PANEL OF EXPERTS HAS BEGUN STUDY OF PROBLEMS OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION.

5. ZEPPOS' STATEMENT CONTAINED CAVEATS AGAINST EXPECTING RAPID, RADICAL REFORMS. HE NOTED MOST OF GREECE'S EDUCATIONAL PROBLEMS, WHILE AGGRAVATED BY JUNTA, PRE-DATE APRIL 1967, AND DRASTIC SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS ARE NOT FEASIBLE. HE ALSO COUTIONED THAT UNIVERSITIES BELONG TO WHOLE NATION AND ALL SECTORS OF SOCIETY, NOT ONLY PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS, SHOULD TAKE PART IN DISCUSSING REFORMS. PM CARAMANLIS REPEATED REFRAIN OF CAUTION IN MEETING JANUARY 23 WITH ALL UNIVERSITY DEANS AT MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. HE SAID PRESENT STUDENT UNREST MADE ANY IMPLEMENTATION OF BROADER EDUCATION POLICY EXTREMELY DIFFICULT.

6. ZEPPOS' STRATEGY FOR EDUCATIONAL REFORM HAS BEEN CAUTIOUS AND GRADUAL. GOG IS PLAYING FOR TIME IN THE HOPE THAT STUDENT MILITANCY WILL RECEDE AND IS FURTHER AWARE THAT NO CONSENSUS EXISTS AMONG POLITICAL PARITES AND VESTED INTERESTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON BASIC REFORMS. BY EXTENDING PERIOD OF DEJUNTIZATION INQUIRY AND DELAYING REPORT OF RESULTS, ZEPPOS IS CONCEDING TO DEMANDS OF RADICAL STUDENTS FOR MORE THOROUGH PURGING WHILE ARRANGING THAT FINAL RESULTS CAN BE ANNOUNCED WHEN UNIVERSITIES

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ARE IN SUMMER RECESS. THIS MEANS, HOWEVER, THAT ABOUT ONE - FOURTH OF THE TEACHING STAFF WILL REMAIN IMMOBILE FOR THE BALANCE OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR AND THE NON-EXISTENT WINTER TERM OF LECTURES WILL PROBABLY BE SUCCEDED BY A FRACTURED SPRING TERM WITH MINIMUM INSTRUCTION.

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